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FACT SHEET

Community Development Program (CDP)

OVERVIEW

The Community Development Program promotes stability and supports the Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan (GIROA) through temporary employment and income generation in 29 provinces to reduce the likelihood that food-insecure and unemployed Afghans will join the insurgency. With a total project budget of \$316.5 million, activities promote stability within a U.S. Government counterinsurgency (COIN) context, and are implemented in close coordination with coalition forces engaged in clearing operations, or in advance of clearing operations to pave the way for a smooth transition.

CDP works in the clear, hold and build phases of COIN. Activities are designed to support stabilization and transition to longer-term development and include the rehabilitation or construction of a variety of critical community infrastructure related to basic services or economic growth such as irrigation systems, rural farm-to-market and feeder roads, flood-prevention and drainage systems, and water-supply schemes. All program activities receive the complete endorsement and engagement from the recipient community in partnership with the Afghan government. To the extent possible, target beneficiary populations include women and youth.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- **Post-military clearing operations (south, east, west):** Implement community projects to restore normalcy after the military operations
- **Multi-stakeholder community development (national):** Closely involve local Afghan government officials and support Afghan government development plans, strengthening relations between the government and the populace
- **Natural disaster emergency response (national):** Conduct remediation and preventive interventions targeting natural disasters (floods, earthquake, drought, etc.)
- **Sustainable community infrastructure using labor-intensive methods (national):** Implement community development activities that will pave the way for long term development

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented more than 3,550 community stabilization projects
- Reduced the gap between local Afghan government institutions and their constituents
- Conducted quick-response disaster recovery in response to recent in the North and South
- Generated more than 6.5 million employment days through implementation of labor intensive community infrastructure projects in some of the most insecure and underserved communities in the country